

LOCAL NEWS.

FURTHER "FERRETIC" ATTEMPTS.—A FIZZLE.—It has been known for some time, that certain of our "City Fathers" unwilling that "power and place" should be "ruthlessly snatched from their grasp"—as it is most likely to be, at the ensuing election—the people having determined to take matters into their own hands, support the views of President Johnson, in upholding the Constitution (i. e., our charter, as amended) and laws, and root out all "Ferrets," and frustrate their diabolical schemes, national, state and corporate—have been considering a plan by which they might retain possession of our municipal affairs—though in direct opposition to the known wishes of nine-tenths of our citizens,—and after due deliberation, concluded that the best method was to declare the acts of our Legislature illegal—in opposition to the opinions of some of the most learned "Ferrets" as expressed in their deliberations)—appoint a set of commissioners of their own, and have an election on their "own hook," and thus, if possible, hold on to the reins of government, or else throw such obstacles in the way of the newly elected officers, that they will, at least, cause trouble. The plan having been fixed upon, a meeting of the City Council was called privately (there was no bell rung), to be held last night at seven o'clock, (half an hour before the usual time of meeting) to consummate the scheme, but

"The best laid plans of men and mice Gang aft agley"—and so it turned out in this instance, for after waiting for one hour, the following persons were present in the Chamber, viz: Messrs. Massey, Cowing, Baker, Daw, and Moran (the latter supposed to be in the opposition,) his Honor the Mayor, Mr. O. C. Whittlesey—and the reporter for the Gazette—only these, and no more.

After anxiously waiting for one long, mortal hour, and no one else appearing, the assembled few dispersed, and we were left to put out the lights. Thus these well digested plans of a coup d'etat fizzled completely, and as the charter under which the present Council acts requires ten days notice of the appointment of Commissioners, to hold an election, it's too late to make another attempt, and the "Ferrets" No. 2, will have "to burrough."

"Sic transit gloria mundi."

We find the following going the rounds of the newspapers. Whether it is correct or not we cannot say, but there certainly is no noticeable redundancy of the feline genus at present in this city:

"A famous place for cats, in this country, is the city of Alexandria, in Virginia. Some years ago a youngster of that town, wishing to have some fun, went through the market and privately engaged each market-man from the country to bring him a cat next day, as he said he wanted a good mouser. Every country house has a superfluity of cats, so the next morning each market cart carried a tom-cat into town. The joker did not make his appearance, of course, and the market-men, after waiting for him until they were ready to go home, indignantly turned all the cats loose in the market house. Such a cater-waulin as was heard that night was never heard before in the quiet streets of Alexandria. The cats lived on the offal of the market-house, and grew and multiplied until Alexandria became as famous for cats as Cincinnati was for hogs."

Twelve members of the Council, and the Mayor of this city, on Thursday attended the funeral ceremonies of the late Henry Winter Davis, in the Capitol. They occupied reserved seats on the floor of the House. One of the Councilmen, who once was a frequenter of the House of Representatives, informs us that the contrast in the appearance of the personnel of the present body with that of those occupying their seats in by-gone years is remarkable—that while once, members of Congress had a dignified mein and august carriage they now look exactly like what they are.

In the Virginia Legislature, on Wednesday, Mr. Cabell introduced a bill amending and re-enacting the 25th section of the act passed January 25, 1866, in regard to the charter of the city of Alexandria. This section relates to the limits and boundaries of the corporation, and the proposed amendment is at the instance of parties who reside on the extreme South-western edge of the city, and who, by the new charter, are compelled to pay city taxes.

The Fair now being held in the Canterbury Hall, to enable the Friendship Fire Company to purchase a Steam Fire Engine is the attraction of the season. It is crowded nightly by the young people of this city. Owing to its success and the pleasure it affords to its visitors we are requested to state that it will be continued until next Thursday.

We are requested to state by Mr. Washington Ramsey, that upon no consideration will he consent to be a candidate to represent the 3d Ward in the Common Council, and we are informed that the name of Mr. G. W. Clifford, who received the next highest vote in the meeting of the citizens of that Ward, will be substituted for that of Mr. Ramsey, on the Ward ticket.

The best Carter's Creek cysters, are selling at Fredericksburg for 70 cts, per bushel. Other kinds, large and fine, at 50 cts, per bushel. In Washington oysters sell lower than they do here, and are much larger and better. The oyster market here, by injudicious management and high prices has been much injured.

We understand that the Rev. Mr. Langhorne, of the M. E. Church South, will preach, on to-morrow night, the first of a series of sermons on the "Inspiration of the Bible."—These sermons will be particularly addressed to Young Men.

The steamer Express, which arrived yesterday from Baltimore, will, until the 4th of March, take the place of the Keyport on the Aquia Creek route, while the latter boat is undergoing repairs.

John Swoop was before Justice Moore, this morning, on the complaint of his wife, Carrie Swoop, and bound over to keep the peace in the sum of \$100 for six months. Mrs. Swoop declining living with her husband any longer.

Rev. Mr. McCampbell, has been called by the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church in this place, to be pastor of the Church.

The nomination of Andrew Jamieson, as Collector of the Port of Alexandria, Va., has been confirmed by the Senate.

For announcement of new candidates see fourth page.

GOLD.
NEW YORK, February 24.—Gold 136.

GREAT SALE
OF GLADKE'S GOODS,
Saved from the Fire on King Street,
ON MONDAY, MARCH 5.

Will be sold at J. A. STOUTENBURG'S AUCTION ROOMS, 186, King street, the large and splendid stock of Fancy Goods, Musical Instruments, Jewelry, &c., saved from the late fire. This magnificent lot will be sold without reserve to make room for a finer and more extensive stock, which Mr. Gladke will select from the New York and Foreign markets, to be kept at 119, King street.

The Goods to be sold consist of Gold and Silver Duplex Geneva and Chronometer Watches, Rings, Breast Pins, and a splendid assortment of Jewelry.

FANCY GOODS.—Knives, Pocket Books, Razors, and a large number of other articles too numerous to mention.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.—Violins, Concertinas, Banjos, Guitars, &c., &c.

Also a Show Case, Desk, Stove and all fixtures saved from the fire.

J. A. STOUTENBURG, Auctioneer.

VALUABLE FAIRFAX LAND FOR SALE.—Pursuant to a decree of the County Court of Fairfax, rendered in the case of Jackson vs. Jackson, I will sell on MONDAY, March 19 (Court day,) in front of the Court House, at 12 o'clock, M., at Dranesville, Fairfax county, the VALUABLE HOTEL formerly kept by George W. Jackson, with a lot and garden attached; also the VALUABLE FARM, of which Geo. W. Jackson, died, seized, about two (2) miles north of Dranesville, containing about THREE HUNDRED ACRES, is well wooded and has upon it a COMFORTABLE DWELLING HOUSE, and Fine Barn.

Terms of sale:—One-tenth of the purchase money to be paid in hand on the day of sale, the residue in three equal instalments of six, twelve and eighteen months to be secured by the bonds of the purchaser, bearing interest from the day of sale, and a retention of the title of the land until the last payment is made. The cash payment is to be forfeited, and the land sold at the costs of the purchaser, in the event of his failing to comply with the terms of sale.

JAS. T. JACKSON, Commissioner of Sale.

feb 24—2awts

IN STORE AND FOR SALE.

20 bush. Prime Hominy.
20 " Navy Beans.
50 " Maine Carter and Peach Blow Potatoes.
5 bbl Silver Skin Onions.
50 bush. Dried Apples.
500 lbs Loudoun Butter.
200 dozen Eggs.
Hake, Cod Fish,
Alewives,
Eastern Herring, Potomac Herring and Mackerel. [fe 24] F. G. SWAINE.

FOR RENT.—Two dwellings on Columbus street, near the depot, containing five rooms, in good order. Rent low to a punctual tenant.

R. L. WOOD, No. 170, King street

400 BUSHEL OATS, bright and heavy, suitable for seed, received and for sale by
DAVY & HARMON.
feb 24—2w

PATAPSCO, LEGAL TENDER AND JAS. WELCH'S FAMILY and EXTRA and SUPERFINE FLOUR, of very superior quality. [fe 24] F. G. SWAIN.

ARE YOU AFFLICTED WITH A COUGH OR COLD?

ARE YOU PREDISPOSED TO CONSUMPTION?

Are the lives of your children in jeopardy from sudden and repeated attacks of Croup? If so purchase a box of **BLADES' EUPHONIAL LUBRICATORS!** The people's most sure and effectual remedy for Coughs, Colds, Croup, Catarrh, Asthma, Bronchitis, Diphtheria and all pulmonary diseases. The LUBRICATOR is a medicinal preparation in the form of Lozenge, which of all modes is the most pleasant and convenient. They contain no deleterious ingredient, and are warranted to be always safe, even for the weakest and most sensitive stomach. In Croup they give immediate relief. For Coughs and Colds they are invaluable.

For Catarrh, Asthma, and Bronchitis they have no equal in the market, (vide Certificates accompanying each box.) Diphtheria, that dreaded and desolating disease, they control wonderfully and almost immediately. No Public Speaker, Singer or Teacher, should be without them, as they remove hoarseness and strengthen and clear the voice. Always use them in time, and if the symptoms are severe use very freely.

JANNEY & CO., Wholesale Agents, 145, King st., Alexandria, Va.

For sale by all druggists. feb 17—2m

HALL'S VEGETABLE SICILIAN HAIR RENEWER

Restores gray hair to its original color.

HALL'S VEGETABLE SICILIAN HAIR RENEWER

Prevents the hair from falling off.

HALL'S VEGETABLE SICILIAN HAIR RENEWER

Makes the hair soft and glossy.

HALL'S VEGETABLE SICILIAN HAIR RENEWER

Does not stain the skin.

HALL'S VEGETABLE SICILIAN HAIR RENEWER

Has proved itself the best preparation for the hair ever presented to the public. Price \$1.00

For sale by all druggists. jan 25—2m

JOHN T. CREIGHTON & SON, No. 88, King Street, Alexandria, Virginia, DEALERS IN AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS, Hardware, Cutlery, Bellows, Anvils, Nail Rods, Horse Shoes, Blister Steel, Files, Rasps, Shoeing Tools, &c. Comm'n's Iron Beam Plough at factory Prices; Castings for Titus Iron Plough kept on hand; Sash, Doors, Blinds, &c., furnished to order. Roofing Felt, and Cement, Percussion Caps, Double and Single Guns, Shot Pouches, Powder Flasks, &c., wholesale and Retail. Terms Cash. sel-tf

PROF. GUILLAUME FOUCHE

announces that he has commenced the second quarter of his

DANCING SCHOOL.

Days and hours of tuition as formerly. Two New Dances—Midshipman's Schottish, and Friska, will be taught.

Applications can be made at the School House, or, in my absence, names and address can be left at the Magnolia House.

Every 1st and 3d Monday in each week, Practising Soirees will be given. Tickets, admitting a gentleman and ladies \$1.

GUILLAUME FOUCHE, Teacher in the Naval Academy, Annapolis Md.

E. J. MILLER, (Successor to R. H. Miller & Son & Co.) Wholesale and Retail Dealer in

CHINA, GLASS, EARTHENWARE, STONEWARE, WINDOW GLASS, PIPES, &c., &c.

oc 28—eo6m No. 65 KING STREET.

CALIFORNIA WINES OF EVERY VARIETY.—Angelica, Muscatel, Port and Hock, constantly on hand, and for sale by the agent.

GEO. E. WHITE, jan 14—tf Nos. 89 and 91, Cameron st.

SEED! SEED!!
LANDRETH'S GARDEN SEED.

We have just opened our first supply of **LANDRETH'S GARDEN SEEDS.**

Catalogues can be had on application to

jan 31—1m E. S. LEADBEATER & CO.

DAVY & HARMON, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

Grocers, Feed and Flour Merchants, Corner of Prince and Royal Sts.,

ian 19—1y **ALEXANDRIA, VA.**

HOTEL AT MANASSAS STATION.

CHAPPALL HOUSE. This house is now open and is prepared to accommodate the travelling public.

O. P. CHAPPALL, Proprietor. feb 13—3m

GREAT CHANGE AND A SPLENDID CHANCE FOR PURCHASERS.

CHARLES A. GLADKE'S CLOTHING HOUSE, 119, King street, is now selling out its entire stock of Clothing and Gent's Furnishing Goods, at less than cost, to make room for an entire new stock of Spring and Summer Goods. The above is only to be sold at a sacrifice up to March 1. Come early and secure great bargains.

Yours respectfully, **CHAS. A. GLADKE,** feb 9—tm1

PUBLIC READING! BENEFIT OF THE ORPHAN ASYLUM!

The ladies directing the Alexandria Orphan Asylum, respectfully announce that

MR. HENRY SCHARF, will read, at Liberty Hall, on Tuesday evening next, the 27th inst.

1. Selections from Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice.

2. Mr. Bumble's Courtship. (Dickens.)

3. Prisoner of Chillon. (Byron.)

4. A Curtain Lecture from Mrs. Caudle about Mr. C's lending an Umbrella. (Doug. Jerrold.)

Reading to commence at 7 1/2 p. m. Doors open at 7 p. m. Tickets 50 cts. To be procured at Entwistle's, Bell's, and French's Bookstores, and at Milburn's Drug store. feb 23—4t

MAKE YOUR OWN SOAP! BY SAVING AND USING YOUR WASTE GREASE!

BUY ONE BOX OF THE PENNSYLVANIA SALT MANUFACTURING COMPANY'S SAPONIFIER.

OR CONCENTRATED LYE.

It will make TEN POUNDS of excellent Hard Soap, or 25 GALLONS of the very best Soft Soap, for only about 35 cts. Directions on each box. For sale at all Drug and Grocery stores, and in lots at Wholesale by

WM. M. ELLICOTT & SONS, No. 3, Spear's Wharf, Baltimore, Md.

feb 23—d3m

BOOTS AND SHOES, OF EVERY STYLE AND QUALITY, Manufactured on the shortest notice and most reasonable terms, by

J. BURKE, NO. 75, PRINCE STREET, OPPOSITE THE GAZETTE OFFICE.

N. B.—A splendid stock of the best LEATHER manufactured, always on hand, and work always ready at the time promised.

ALL KINDS OF REPAIRING, DONE ON THE SHORTEST NOTICE. feb 23—3m

MRS. C. L. SIMPSON, FASHIONABLE MILLINER, No. 2, COLUMBUS STREET, (between King and Prince streets.)

will keep constantly on hand all kinds of MILLINERY of the latest styles, consisting of Velvets, Silks, Ribbons, Trapes, Flowers, Feathers, Laces, &c., together with STRAW GOODS of every variety.

Particular attention will be paid to Altering, Bleaching, Dyeing, and Pressing Straw Bonnets and Hats. feb 21—1y

WANTED—A person who understands GARDENING, and can undertake the management of a market Garden near Alexandria. Apply to **HENRY COOK,** 22, King street. feb 23—4t

VESSELS WANTED for Boston, New York, Savannah and Petersburg. Apply to **HOSE & WEDDERBURN,** feb 23—1w Port of Prince street.

CLOSING OUT. THE ENTIRE STOCK OF GOODS,—contained in the store No. 43, King street, corner of Fairfax, comprising

50,000 CIGARS, 50 boxes superior brands of CHEWING TOBACCO!

Pipes, Notions, &c., is now being closed out. The attention of Merchants, city and country, is particularly called to the attractions offered in the sale of these goods.

feb 20—1m

PLASTER! PLASTER! PLASTER!!!

To arrive per schrs. Nancy J. Mayton, Jane Emison and Nellie C. Paine, 600 tons soft blue lump PLASTER, for sale low by

W. A. SMOOT, General Commission Merchant. feb 20—tf

BUCKWHEAT! BUCKWHEAT!

1,200 lbs Buckwheat Flour, in store and for sale by

W. A. SMOOT, feb 20—1w No. 24, North Union street.

FAIR, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FRIENDSHIP FIRE COMPANY.—The Ladies' Fair, for the Benefit of the Friendship Fire Company, will be opened to-night, in the hall, over Stewart's Dry Good's Store, N. E. corner King and Royal streets. Every inducement will be offered to make it agreeable, and its object, it is hoped, will render it popular.

Admission—Season Tickets 50 cts; Single Tickets 10 cts.

Supper furnished every night during the continuance of the Fair. feb 19—tf

FOR RENT.—The large BRICK BUILDING, covered with slate, formerly occupied by Messrs. Delahay & Kemp as a sash and blind factory. Apply at 104, King street. feb 21—3t

FOR RENT.—A three story brick DWELLING, on Fairfax street. Immediate possession given. Apply at this office. feb 21—3t

COME AND SEE.

Just received.—Patapasco, Limestone, and Welch's Family Flour; Silver Spring Choice Extra; Roll Butter, Leaf Lard, Sugar cured Hams & Breasts, small size. J. GRIGG, feb 19—tf 179, King street.